

I do not believe that the plan the ARRL has submitted makes much sense. It creates a new class called Novice and moves all Techs up to General with no testing whatsoever. The Novice class will be largely empty for a while, and there will be massive influx of untested operators onto HF. This greatly increases the possibility of interference to other services by Amateurs who have not had to demonstrate a knowledge of HF operations or even the knowledge of HF bandplans. In addition, the creation of a new class seems wholly unnecessary, especially as the FCC has only recently restructured the Amateur service. Therefore, I am against this proposal.

Sincerely,
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